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The Honorable Donald J. Trump  
President of the United States of America  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Trump:

As you prepare for your meeting with President Vladimir Putin next month, I encourage you to review the attached report by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence published in January 2017, entitled "Assessing Russian Activities and Intentions in Recent US Elections."

This report from your own national security and intelligence experts concluded:

*Russian efforts to influence the 2016 US presidential election represent the most recent expression of Moscow's longstanding desire to undermine the US-led liberal democratic order, but these activities demonstrated a significant escalation in directness, level of activity, and scope of effort compared to previous operations."*<sup>1</sup>

In particular, the report found:

- "Putin and the Russian Government aspired to help President-elect Trump's election chances when possible by discrediting Secretary Clinton and publicly contrasting her unfavorably to him. All three agencies agree with this judgment."<sup>2</sup>
- "Moscow's influence campaign followed a Russian messaging strategy that blends covert intelligence operations—such as cyber activity—with overt efforts by Russian Government agencies, state-funded media, third-party intermediaries, and paid social media users or 'trolls.'"<sup>3</sup>
- "Russian military intelligence...release[d] US victim data obtained in cyber operations publicly and in exclusives to media outlets and relayed material to WikiLeaks."<sup>4</sup>
- "Russian intelligence services collected against the US primary campaigns, think tanks, and lobbying groups they viewed as likely to shape future US policies."<sup>5</sup>

It is my hope that this report will expand your understanding of Russian interference with our democratic process and the threat Russia poses to this nation and our allies. It is of the utmost importance that our chief executive protects the American people and our electoral process from Kremlin attacks.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

<sup>1</sup> ICA 2017-01D "Assessing Russian Activities and Intentions in Recent US Elections." 6 January 2017, page ii

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid.

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